

**Declaration and POA for Patent Application**

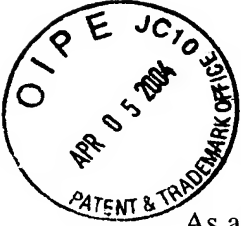
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: 04/01/04

Signature: Alicia M. Haggen (Alicia M. Haggen)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**WEAR RESISTANT COATING FOR PISTON RINGS**

the specification of which was filed on December 31, 2003 as Application No. 10/751,347.

In the event that the filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys/agent(s) at **Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC**, 39533 Woodward Avenue, Suite 140, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, to insert above the filing date and/or Application No. of said application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

**FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

☒ no such foreign applications have been filed

☐ such foreign application have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

Application Number	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
			___ Yes No ___
			___ Yes No ___
			___ Yes No ___

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS**

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

☒ no such U.S. provisional applications have been filed.

☐ such U.S. provisional application have been filed as follows:

Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
		___ Yes No ___
		___ Yes No ___
		___ Yes No ___

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

☐ no such U.S./PCT applications have been filed.

☒ such U.S./PCT application have been filed as follows:

Application Number	Date of Filing	Status (Patented/Pending/Abandoned)
09/757,891	January 10, 2001	Patented

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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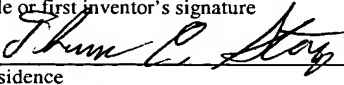
I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with **Customer Number 10291** to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

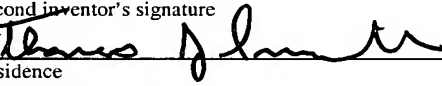
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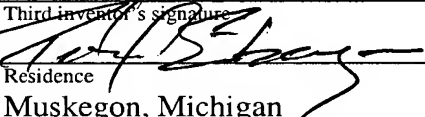
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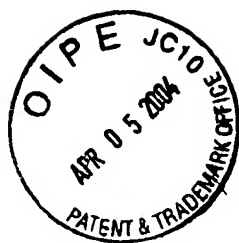
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Fourth inventor's signature	Date
Residence	
Citizenship	
Mailing Address	



Attorney Docket 60680-1823

REISSUE APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application for )  
)  
U.S. Patent No. 6,562,480 issued May 13, 2003 )  
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Inventors: STONG ET AL. )  
)  
Reissue No. 10/751,347 )  
)  
Title: WEAR RESISTANT COATING FOR )  
PISTON RINGS )

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

MS Reissue Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Dana Corporation, a corporation of Virginia, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,562,480, which issued on May 13, 2003, for an invention titled "WEAR RESISTANT COATING FOR PISTON RINGS."

Dana Corporation is the assignee of said patent by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent, which was recorded in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office at Reel 012529, Frame 0809. A copy of the assignment is attached.

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

DANA CORPORATION

Date: 3-25-04

By:

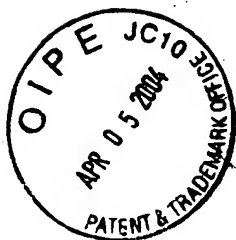
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Title:

Assistant Secretary



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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE AND  
OFFER TO SURRENDER PATENT**

MS Reissue Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent issued to Stong et al. on May 13, 2003, as U.S. Patent No. 6,562,480, for an invention titled "WEAR RESISTANT COATING FOR PISTON RINGS."

Dana Corporation, a corporation of Virginia, is the assignee of the entire interest in the original patent. A certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is attached.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and hereby offers to surrender the original patent.

Docket No. 60680-1823  
Serial No. 10/751,347

REISSUE APPLICATION

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

DANA CORPORATION

Date: 3-25-04

By: M. Jean Hardman

Name: M. Jean Hardman

Title: Assistant Secretary

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